

Three EC Mermen Make Olympic Team

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MERMEN SWIM TO NATIONAL TITLE FIRST

Fame and glory has come to El Camino College via the El Segundo Swim Club, winners of the United States Olympic Games Water Polo tryouts.

Of the 11-man water polo crew, which traveled to New York's Astoria Pool to defeat the best America had to offer, five of the players are from El Camino. Of these, three have gone on to Helsinki, Finland, while the other two, alternates for the seven-man squad, were left behind.

"Big" Bob Hughes (6 ft., 6 in., 220 pounds), Bill Dornblaser and Bill Lake are the local athletes who have won starting births on coach U. E. Saari's club.

Grooms Mermen

Saari, himself coach for El Camino's swimming and water polo teams, has been grooming his mermen for this special occasion for many a moon. In the 1948 Olympic tryout the NYAC defeated the El Segundoans in the initial round. This year, however, after an additional four years with some of the same players, the Seafarers submerged the NYAC in the finals 5 to 2.

Both Dornblaser and Lake are current students of El Camino, while Hughes, who is taking time off from Naval duties in order to compete, was a 1949 graduate.

Hughes and Dornblaser were both accorded the highest athletic honor El Camino awards an athlete—Athlete of the Year. Hughes claimed the trophy in '49, while 18-year-old Dornblaser did likewise just this year.

The El Camino Water Poloists were second to Fullerton in California jaycee competition, and again in swimming, were second to Fullerton.

Dornblaser was named the Southern California player of the medley while cavorting for the El Camino swimmers. Five times during the 1951 aquatic season, Dornblaser broke national records, many times his own.

WHAT'S COOKIN'

League Softball TOMORROW

A League: National Electric vs. Harvey Machine, 7 p.m., Lovelady Hardware vs. Amrocco, 8:30 p.m., Torrance Park.

B League: Local 1414 vs. Strescon, 7 p.m., P. V. Merchants vs. Walteria BMA, 8:30 p.m., Walteria Park.

Boys League: North Torrance Rams vs. Walteria BMA, 7 p.m., Pueblo CYO vs. Optimists, 8:30 p.m., McMaster Park.

National Nightball: Santa Ana at Torrance, 8:30 p.m., Torrance Park.

Old Men's League: Walteria BMA vs. Optimists, 7 p.m., Lutheran Men vs. Rotary, 8:30 p.m., McMaster Park.

Girls League: Walteria vs. Coeds, 7 p.m., Rebels vs. Lomita, 8:30 p.m., Walteria Park.

WEDNESDAY

B League: Walteria BMA vs. P. V. Merchants, 7 p.m., Shamrock Cafe vs. Potters Local, 8:30 p.m., Torrance Park.

Old Men's League: Moose vs. Legion, 7 p.m., Sportsmen vs. Lions, 8:30 p.m., Walteria Park.

TORRANCE HERALD Sports



TORRANCE HERALD PERPETUAL TROPHY ... to the winner of A League play (Herald Photo)

All Eyes Turned To Herald Trophy

With only a trifle more than half a dozen games left on the A Softball League roster until the awarding of the Torrance Herald perpetual trophy to the grand champ of 1952, it looks like National Electric is a sure bet to garner the glittering cup.

Only if they drop every game from here on out, and either Harvey Machine or Lovelady Hardware musters a victory at every try can anyone hope to rise up and snatch the coveted award away from them.

For this reason, the game slated for play under the Torrance Park lights tomorrow will be doubly important. National Electric will meet second place Harvey Machine, and Lovelady Hardware will take on Amrocco—at the bottom of the rung—in a second clash for the night.

A win for Lovelady will put them one up on Harvey, providing NE retains its 100 percent rating.

Leading Margin Decreases In Bee League Race

Bee League competition, with Strescon still holding the lead, is increasing by leaps and bounds as Hi-Shear and Longren Aircraft continue to drop all corners and decrease the leading margin held by Strescon.

Tomorrow evening, as the race for the crown rapidly comes to a finish, Local 1414 will meet Strescon, and the Palos Verdes Merchants will take on the Walteria Business Men on the Walteria Park diamond.

Wednesday will find Shamrock Cafe meeting the Potters Local and the Business Men doing battle with P. V. Merchants on the Torrance Park. First games open at 7 o'clock, the second at 8:30 p.m.

Longren pushed past the Potters Local 11-8 in a fray last week marked by home runs, triples and doubles, with every homer clouted when there was nary a runner on base.

Shamrock Cafe, the same night, bopped out a 12-5 win over Hi-Shear, with the winners credited with nine hits for the night.

Six runs in the fifth inning more than gave the Steelworkers, Local 1414, a 3-2 win over the Potters Local from AmStan.

And league-leading Strescon handed the Walteria Business Men a 12-7 setback, but not after sweating blood for several opening innings. Although the winners smashed out two runs in the opening frame, they were held scoreless and hitless in the next three stanzas.

Finally pitcher H. L. Griffith gave up three walks in the fifth, all of which were later turned into counters. Five big ones put them over the hump and a gigantic five-run rally in the closing seventh was too much for Walteria.

Only three hits were turned in by the winners—most men getting to base on walks.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Strescon	8	6	.571
Hi-Shear	8	6	.571
Longren	8	6	.571
Shamrock	7	7	.500
P. V. Merchants	6	7	.462
Walteria BMA	7	7	.500
Potters Local	2	11	.154

Lovelady dropped back one notch last week as they failed to show and National Supply gained a free win. But Harvey and Three M had a real battle, with the latter winning 5-4 in an overtime inning.

Harvey's Sam Jones made first on a walk Ernie Garcia won out on a fielder's choice and Clarence Holly felled one out center field way to drive in James. Then Dean Richie made first on a walk, and with two down R. Dye blasted a single to bring in Garcia and Holly. Cliff Livingston struck out next up to retire the side.

But earlier, before Harvey's big second inning rally, the Three M's did exactly the same—tallied two hits and three counters. Ray Armenta earned base with a bingle, and Burl Tuttle walked to first pad. Then a beautiful triple to left field by Jim O'Brien brought in two runs. O'Brien came trotting home on a passed ball.

Three M's Ahead

All was quiet until the fourth, when the Three M's pulled ahead with a run by Dale Armstrong. Harvey countered in the fifth, as Joe Geesen came in, and the score remained knotted until Armstrong made the tie-breaker in the eighth. He got to first on a walk, made second when Bill Davis was tossed out on his way to first, and went to third and came home on passed balls.

From here on out, the battle in the A League to try to put the blocks to National Electric will increase its tempo twenty-fold. Games slated for next Thursday are National Supply vs. Three M, and National Electric vs. Lovelady Hardware.

Team	W	L	Pct.
National Electric	11	0	1.000
Harvey Machine	6	6	.500
Lovelady Hardware	6	6	.500
National Supply	5	6	.454
Three M	5	6	.454
Amrocco	1	10	.090

Harvey, Walteria Girls Tied Up In Softball Race

Compilation of the records finds Harvey and the Walteria girls neck and neck in the lead with 3 wins and no losses in the Torrance-Lomita Girls Softball League.

Tuesday night Walteria will meet the Coeds and the Rebels will tackle Lomita in games at Walteria Park at 7 p.m.

Thursday, the Rookies will clash with Harvey and Allen's will face Pueblo on the Lomita Park diamond.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Harvey	3	0	1.000
Walteria	3	0	1.000
Coeds	1	1	.500
Pueblo	1	2	.333
Lomita	1	2	.333
Rebels	1	2	.333
Allen's	0	3	.000

One, Two Point Games Mark Play In Old Men's League

Two real close battles were fought out in Slow Pitch League competition last week, with the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen finally nudging the Rotary Club 12-10, and the Optimists nipping the Moose Club 11-10.

Rotarians started out with a bang, but gradually simmered down as the Sportsmen picked up their scoring margin. Three runs in the top of the seventh.

Six Home Games Listed On 1952 Warrior Slate

El Camino's 1952-53 grid schedule was revealed last week by the office of the Metropolitan Conference. The Warriors will perform ten times, with six home games listed.

The El Camino-Harbor Tech clash, an annual cross-town classic, will be televised, the game originating from the El Camino green.

Tentative schedule as released by the conference follows:

- Sept. 19—Inter squad game, here.
 - Sept. 27—Arizona Fresh, here.
 - Oct. 4—Fullerton, here.
 - Oct. 10—San Diego, there.
 - Oct. 17—Bakersfield, there.
 - Oct. 24—Harbor Tech, here (T.V.).
 - Oct. 31—Bye.
 - Nov. 8—Long Beach, there.
 - Nov. 15—Santa Monica, there.
 - Nov. 22—Valley, here.
 - Nov. 27—East LA, here, 12 noon.
- All games start at 8 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

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